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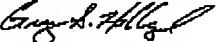
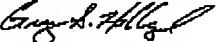
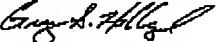
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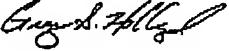
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 30, 2004 OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the April 30, 2004 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was due July 30, 2004. Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time. A response with a two-month extension of time is due September 30, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee for a two-month extension of time (\$420.00) to Deposit Account No. 13-5135. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed. Please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.